**MACBETH**

**I.i.**

-Witches speak

-“Fair is foul and foul is fair.” = Things are not always what they seem (appearance vs reality).

**I.ii.**

-Scotland is fighting Irish invaders.

-Captain comes in wounded, gives update on Macbeth and Banquo’s bravery.

-Captain was wounded while helping Duncan’s son, Malcolm, escape.

-Captain shares that Macbeth killed Macdonwald, the traitor. He “unseam’d him from the nave to the chaps” (navel to jaw)

-King orders Thane of Cawdor to be killed and for Macbeth to take his place.

**I.iii.**

-witches talk about revenge on a sailor’s wife who refused to share her chestnuts

-Macbeth and Banquo come upon the witches in the forest. “So foul and fair a day I have not seen,” says Macbeth (appearance vs reality=things are not always as they seem.

-witches greet Macbeth as Thane of Glamis (his current title), Thane of Cawdor, and the King

-witches greet Banquo, tell him that his children will become king, but he will not

-witches to Banquo: “Lesser than Macbeth and greater” and “Not so happy, yet much happier.”

-witches vanish

-Macbeth wonders if the king gig will fall into his lap or if he will have to commit a violent act

-Macbeth (aside): “If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me, without my stir.” He’s not going to worry about it right now.

-Banquo thinks the witches are stirring up trouble

**I.iv**

-Malcolm tells his father, King Duncan, that the Thane of Cawdor has been put to death (committed treason)

-King Duncan commends Macbeth and Banquo for their bravery in battle and announces that his son, Malcolm, will be heir to his throne.

-King Duncan will dine at Macbeth’s castle that night.

-Macbeth realizes that Malcolm is standing in his way to the throne.

**I.v**

-setting: Inverness (Macbeth’s castle)

-Lady Macbeth reads letter from Macbeth about his new title and his encounter with the witches. Messenger appears informing her that the King is on his way to dine with them shortly.

-Lady Macbeth wants the king to die this night, but fears that her husband can’t do it because he is “too full o’ the milk of human kindness.”

-Lady Macbeth: “Come, thick night, and pall thee in the dunnest smoke of hell, that my keen knife see not the wound it makes, nor heaven peep through the blanket of the dark.” She’s going to kill Duncan for her husband, tells Macbeth to leave it up to her.

**I.vi**

-Duncan and his men arrive at Inverness (Macbeth’s castle) and are greeted by Lady Macbeth.

**I.vii**

-Macbeth tells his wife “We will proceed no further in this business: He hath honour’d me of late; and I have bought golden opinions from all sorts of people, which would be worn now in their newest gloss, not cast aside so soon.” I don’t want to kill him now. He has honored me with this new title as Thane of Cawdor and I just want to enjoy this for now.

-Lady Macbeth responds with “Was the hope drunk wherein you dress’d yourself?” She calls him a coward and shows her heartless nature as she talks about how she would kill her own newborn child if she had told him she would.

-Lady Macbeth’s plan is to get Duncan and his chamberlains (guards) drunk, kill him, then plant the bloody daggers in the hands of the chamberlains.

**II.i.**

-Banquo and Macbeth speak at Inverness (Macbeth’s castle) around midnight.

-Banquo “dreamt last night of the three weird sisters” and said “to you they have show’d some truth.” Macbeth said, “I think not of them.”

-After Fleance leaves, Macbeth sees a floating dagger coming toward him with the handle toward his hand.

**II.ii.**

-Lady Macbeth says to Macbeth, “That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold: What hath quench’d them hath given me fire.” She is saying that she has them all drunk and now she’s ready to kill Duncan. She poisoned the chamberlains’ drinks.

-She then tells Macbeth that she bloodied their daggers, but couldn’t go through with killing Duncan, “had he not resembled my father as he slept, I had done’t.”

-Macbeth: “I have done the deed.”

-Lady Macbeth heard an owl scream, crickets cry.

-Macbeth heard someone cry “murder!” in their sleep and then “sleep no more! Macbeth doth murder sleep” and again “sleep no more. Glamis hath murder’d sleep, and therefore Cawdor shall sleep no more.”

-Macbeth said “I am afraid to think what I have done,” meaning he regrets it already.

-Lady Macbeth has to take the daggers back to be placed in the chamberlains’ hands because Macbeth can’t.

-Lady Macbeth: “My hands are of your colour, but I shame to wear a heart so white” meaning they both have blood on their hands, but Macbeth is ashamed and she is proud.

-Lady Macbeth instructs her husband to put on his nightgown and get cleaned up so they don’t appear suspicious because they hear knocking at the front door to the castle.

-Macbeth (alone): “Wake Duncan with thy knocking! I would thou couldst!”

**II.iii.**

-Porter is drunk, but hears knocking at gate/door. Talks about the devil (Beelzebub), opens gate to find Macduff and Lennox there to see the king (Duncan)

-Porter makes crude replies to Macduff about their raucous night.

-Macbeth comes to door and tells them the king is still asleep. Macduff goes to wake the king and Lennox says the “night has been unruly; where we lay, our chimneys were blown down, and, as they say, lamentings heard i’ the air, strange screams of death, …the earth was feverous and did shake.” This goes back to the nature being disrupted theme.

-Macduff re-enters and tells them the king has been murdered.

-Malcolm and Donalbain find out and want to see the chamberlains but Macbeth says “O, yet I do repent me of my fury, that I did kill them.” When questioned, Macbeth said he had to.

-King Duncan’s children, Malcolm and Donalbain, flee to England and Ireland, respectively, to be out of harm’s way, as they are heir to the throne.

-Malcolm “This murderous shaft that’s shot hath not yet lighted, and our safest way is to avoid the aim. There’s warrant in that theft which steals itself when there’s no mercy left.”

**II.iv.**

-Old man and Ross speak of nature being disrupted once more: Duncan’s horses broke out of their stalls and ate each other, falcon killed by an owl.

-Macduff tells them that the chamberlains were the murderers.

-Ross questions what their motive could have been. He calls the sons into question since they fled so quickly.

-Ross says Macbeth will get throne since they have gone.

-Macduff says he is already being named that and has gone to Scone to be officially sworn in.

–Macduff isn’t going to see Macbeth crowned.

**III.i.**